

Hurricane Dorian & Disaster Resources

As Hurricane Dorian approaches the U.S. southeastern coast as a category 5 storm, below are some important resources and information for your offices and constituents. Please utilize and distribute as you see fit. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as always, is the lead coordinating federal agency for disaster preparedness and response and falls within the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Many of these resources will be useful in future disasters as well, so please keep for future use.

FEMA urges those in the current storm path to execute their emergency plans.

- ✓ Residents, tourists, and visitors in Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas should prepare now, remain vigilant, monitor the storm closely, and follow instructions and warnings of local officials.
- ✓ Storm surge and inland flooding is often the greatest threat to life and property from a hurricane.
- ✓ Dorian could cause significant damage to power, water, and road systems.
- ✓ The storm's path remains unpredictable and other residents should not assume they are out of harm's way.

Act Now to Prepare Your Family and Home

- ✓ Residents are encouraged to have supplies for several days, to include: water and food, prescriptions, hand sanitizer and first aid products, items for infants and toddlers, toiletries and pet supplies.
- ✓ Have cash and collect important papers such as property deeds, birth certificates, and rental leases.
- ✓ Fill up your gas tank, stock your vehicle with emergency supplies, and know your evacuation routes.
- ✓ If evacuation orders are given for your area, evacuate.
- ✓ Charge cell phones and backup batteries.

Important Resources

- ✓ FEMA.gov and the FEMA app provide preparedness tips, shelter information, weather alerts, etc.
- ✓ FEMA online: FEMA's blog, Twitter (English, en Español), Facebook (English, en Español), YouTube.
- ✓ <u>Ready.gov</u> and <u>Ready.gov/hurricanes</u> provide more complete information on what you can do ahead of this dangerous storm, as well as other disasters.
- ✓ All state emergency management agency links can be found here, including Florida.
- ✓ <u>Hurricane.gov</u> provides information from NOAA's National Hurricane Center & the National Weather Service.
- ✓ Resources for members of the U.S. Coast Guard are available <u>here</u>.
- ✓ The Department of Transportation (DOT) provides updates related to all modes of transportation <u>here</u>.
- ✓ The Federal Aviation Administration posts information about airport status and delays at fly.faa.gov.
- ✓ Road condition updates are provided by the National Weather Service <u>here</u>.
- ✓ DisasterAssitance.gov provides help and information for assistance after disasters.
- ✓ FEMA Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Division: <u>FEMA-Congressional-Affairs@fema.dhs.gov</u>, 202-646-4500.
- ✓ DOT Office of Governmental Affairs: OSTGovAffairs@dot.gov, 202-366-4573.